

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
SHREVEPORT DIVISION

TEAR R. CARTER

CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-cv-0828

VERSUS

CHIEF JUDGE HICKS

JEFFERY D. CLARK, ET AL

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

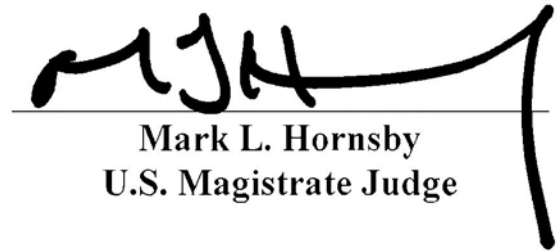
Defendants removed this case based on an assertion of diversity jurisdiction, which puts the burden on them to allege complete diversity of citizenship and an amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000. The court has reviewed the record and makes a preliminary finding that Defendants have satisfied their burden. This finding is subject to reconsideration either sua sponte or upon the presentation of a motion that challenges jurisdiction.

The court does note that the notice of removal alleges that each of the individual parties (Tear Carter, Jeffery Clark, and William Anderson) are residents of various states and therefore citizens of those states. It is domicile rather than mere residency that decides citizenship for diversity purposes, and “[i]t is well established that an allegation of residency does not satisfy the requirement of an allegation of citizenship.” Great Plains Trust Co. v. Morgan Stanley, 313 F.3d 305, 310 n. 2 (5th Cir. 2002), quoting Strain v. Harrelson Rubber Co., 742 F.2d 888 (5th Cir. 1984). A person may reside in multiple states simultaneously, but “[a]n individual who resides in more than one State is regarded, for purposes of federal subject-matter (diversity) jurisdiction, as a citizen of but one State.”

Wachovia Bank v. Schmidt, 126 S. Ct. 941, 951 (2006). That is the state in which the person is domiciled. Id.; Acridge v. Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Soc., 334 F.3d 444, 451 (5th Cir. 2003).

Plaintiff alleged in her state court petition that she is domiciled in Louisiana, and she also alleged that Clark and Anderson are domiciled in Texas. The court will, for current purposes, consider those allegations as supplementing those in the notice of removal, thus satisfying the requirement of complete diversity of citizenship.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Shreveport, Louisiana, this 2nd day of July, 2019.



Mark L. Hornsby  
U.S. Magistrate Judge